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ALUMNI RETURN FOR BIG WEEK-END

COOK COUNTY UNIT ELECTS NEW LEADERS

CHICAGOANS NAME
GORDON HAGSTROM
HEAD OF CHAPTER

BULLETIN

CHICAGO.—The Cook County Chapter will be hosts to St. Joe students of the Chicago area at a banquet January 3, in College Inn, of the Hotel Sherman, according to a last minute flash from Gordon Hagstrom. Details of the arrangements being made will appear in the next issue.

CHICAGO.—J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, was elected president of Cook County Chapter. October 24, at Sieben's.

Herman Gaul, Jr., '22-'24, was elected vice-president. Bernard B. Lear, '13-'19, was re-railroaded in for the second term as secretary-treasurer by twenty-nine members, including the chaplain, the Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.P.P.S., '13-'18, and four professors, the Revs. Bernard Condon, C.P.P.S., '02-'08. Gilbert Esser, C.P.P.S., '12-'18, Clarence Kroeckel, C.P.P.S., '18-'23, and Robert Koch, C.P.P.S., '24-'28.

The first act of the new president was to appoint a membership committee. Medard Gable, '18-'21, was appointed to take charge of the northwest side and suburbs; Paul Kirchner, '16-'19, the south side; Emmett Jeffers, '20-'24, the north shore, and John Kallal, '17-'19, the rest of the county. Committeemen are to contact all alumni of the county and bring them to further meetings.

The chapter resolved to have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Frank Diefenbach.

BISHOP NOLL DEDICATES NEW HALL



The curtain dropped on Homecoming week-end with the dedication of Seifert Hall. Shown in the procession are, left to right, A. J. Wolf, Logansport contractor; Jerro Haugh, '17-'18, Delphi; the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, principal speaker, and Louis Reidelbach, Winamac attorney.

Death Fails to Break Pact Made by Three Students in 1923

A pact made by three St. Joe students in 1923 still stands, according to Paul A. Forche, '22-'25, accounting clerk for the Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Forche, Charles Ryan, formerly of Muncie, Indiana, and William Mitchell, now office manager of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, pledged themselves to meet at St. Joe Alumni Day 1948, twenty-five years from the day the pact was made.

"Charles came to an untimely death by drowning in the late twenties," Alumnus Forche wrote. "Bill and I hope that his younger brother, Leslie, who attended St. Joe with him, will appear in his stead.

Every year I get a desire to

return for Alumni Day. But that big day always comes during the early part of May. Anyone connected with the oil industry will tell you that it is virtually impossible to get away from the office from the first to the tenth of any month, unless it is an emergency, or unless one has a position which does not involve the closing out of the previous month's business.

"Our pact has grown into a sixteen-year-old promise and has nine more years to go. Bill hasn't forgotten it. I visited him in '36 and it was discussed. As far as I am concerned, no matter when Alumni Day comes in 1948 it will constitute an emergency that cannot be disregarded.

"I feel that your publication

SIXTY GRADS TAKE PART IN PROGRAM

BISHOP EXPLAINS
CHRISTIAN CULTURE
AT HALL DEDICATION

Sixty alumni, their wives, and friends registered for a Homecoming week-end that was devoid of dull moments.

The celebration started with St. Joe's 20-19 victory over Central Normal, Saturday afternoon, October 28, and closed the following afternoon with the dedication of Seifert Hall. Sandwiched between these events were boxing bouts, tumbling show, bonfire, fireworks, and a dance.

What Christian culture means to the world was explained by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, at the dedication ceremony.

Bishop Noll was introduced by the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S. T. D., president of St. Joseph's.

Twenty-seven Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus acted as a guard of honor.

The St. Joseph's College choir, under direction of the Rev. Harold Diller, C.P.P.S., '25-'28, sang, accompanied at the organ by Professor Paul Tonner.

The following alumni registered for Homecoming:

Frank Kraft, '23-'25, New Albany, Ind.; John Cashman, '29-'32, Marion, Ind.; Rev. James Fitzgerald, '10-'14, Remington, Ind.; Charles Quirk, '22-'24, Chicago; George Grieshaber, '32-'36, Chicago; Oscar Sieben, '21-'25, Chicago; Robert Hatton, '34-'36, Rensselaer; William O'Keefe, '36-'37, Chicago; C. A. Schmidt, '13-'17, Chicago; Bernard B. Lear, '13-'19, Chicago; Fred Halfman, '26-'27, Crown Point; Robert Kaple, '34-'37, Ottawa, O.; Rev. Edward Freiburger, '01-'06, Lafayette; William McMahon, '18-'20, Gary; F. P. McVay, '22-'23, Gary; Thomas Lenahan, '09-'11, Indianapolis; Rev. E. B. Alberding, C.P.P.S., '30, Sedalia, Mo.; Rev. A. H. Feldhaus, C.P.P.S., '11-'17, Carthage, O.; Mark Kelly, '25-'31, Crawfordsville, Ind.; J. A. Lauer, '18-'24, Gary;

CONTACT

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LOUISVILLE TURNS OUT

Louisville alumni deserve a big hand for the way they turned out for the St. Joe-University of Louisville game. They paraded through the streets of Louisville with the St. Joe band; they got together inside the stadium to form a good sized rooting section, and after the game they entertained visiting alumni and students.

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Takes Course in New York

The Rev. Michael Walz, '23-'29, is taking a graduate course in the school of Education at Fordham. While in New York, he is stationed at the Immaculate Conception Church.

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Steve Toth Joins Air Corps

Steve Toth, '27-'29, who starred in Northwestern's backfield and later was assistant coach at Missouri, has joined the U. S. Navy Air Corps, at Pensacola, Fla.

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Raymond Weixler, '28-'29, writes that he is happily married and lives in South Bend. Here is a quotation from his letter:

"Sunday football at St. Joe is a break for me. I've only had one Saturday off this year. I intend to come to the St. Norbert's game with a party of five.

"What's the news, if any, from Bob Woodard, Red Rosenthal, and Dub Welch?"

Sorry we do not know where Bob Woodard is. Rosenthal is at St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, O. He will be ordained in June. Welch is studying at Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

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For the past twenty years, Urban Fox, '05-'07, has been a state examiner in the auditor of state's office, Columbus, O.

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Frederick J. Franzwa, '19-'23, is sales engineer for the Delco Products Division, of the General Motors Corporation, in Detroit.

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Leon J. Frechette, '25-'30, is working for the Florence Stove Company, Kankakee, Ill.

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Henry A. Fuertges, '03-'05, is handling Fuertges Bros. Meat and Grocery Store in Bradford, Ill.

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Carl G. Gehrlich, '18-'23, is traffic manager for the J. E. Minniear Interstate Trucking Company, Sidney, O.

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Michael Giffert, '27-'29, is employed by Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company, Cleveland.

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Charles Fromer, '18-'23, is an accountant for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Attica, Indiana.

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Clement J. Froning, '25-'27, is in the advertising department of New Deal, Inc., Coldwater, Ohio.

FOUR ALUMNI COME BY AIR

A silver airplane zoomed over the St. Joe gridiron, and landed in the field just northwest of the stands, during the first quarter of the St. Joe-Xavier game. Out popped Bill McMahon, '18-'20 the pilot; Harry McMahon, '15-'18; Bill Wigmore, '13-'18, and the Rev. William Faber, '28-'30, all of Gary. Right after the final gun the ship shot into space and nosed its way northward.

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"Congratulations on your victory. Sorry could not attend," said a telegram sent the day after the Homecoming game by Sylvester Diemert, '17-'19, St. Louis building contractor.

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Fostoria Alumnus Holds Titles

Chemical engineer of the National Carbon Company is just one of the many titles held by Cyril Scharf, '16-'18, of Fostoria, O. He is a trustee of DeSales College, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a member of the Democratic County Executive Committee, president of St. Vincent dePaul Society, and secretary of St. Wendelin parish.

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Joseph and Anthony Saccone, both '03-'05, are real estate partners in Chicago.

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Dr. Quirk Heads Piqua Hospital

Dr. John T. Quirk, '16-'17, well-known heart specialist, is president of staff at Piqua Memorial Hospital. He is a fellow of American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Heart Association. He was graduated from St. Louis School of Medicine in 1924.

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Tells of Alumnus' Death

The Rev. Joseph Feldkamp, '18-'19, is pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Atkins, Arkansas.

"Have you been informed of the death of the Rev. Joseph H. Schumacher, '18-'19, who was called to his reward on June 15, 1938?" asked Father Feldkamp. "He died at St. Vincent's Infirmary, Little Rock, where he was completing his twelfth year as chaplain. During those years he was likewise teaching Sacred Scripture, Greek, and Hebrew at St. John's Seminary."

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Andrew Fedorko, '14-'18, is a painter, and George Fedordo, '11-'13, is a carpenter for the Standard Oil Company, Whiting, Ind.

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Heads Department at Notre Dame

Henry B. Froning, '99-'02 and '06-'08, is head of the departments of chemistry and chemical engineering at the University of Notre Dame. Professor Froning is the father of five children. He is a member of the Chemical Society and other scientific bodies.

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This ad appeared in the March 16, 1916 issue of **The Cheer**: "Princess Theater, Rensselaer's quality house. Matinee, Friday, March 17, 2 p. m. Selig masterpiece, 'The Rosary,' in seven superb reels. Music by Seeburg pipe organ orchestra. Tickets are to be procured at candy store."

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

When the Rev. James Hoban, '19-'25, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Dayton, was a student at St. Joe he wrote letters for **The Cheer** and signed them "Hiram."

Conglomerated Optics was the title of a series of humorous essays written for **The Cheer** by the Rev. James Fitzgerald, '10-'14, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Remington, Indiana.

Remember when you went to the Palace theater in Rensselaer to see Constance Talmadge in "East is West? That was in 1923. During that year you also saw Florence Vidor and Monte Blue in "Main Street," Barbara LaMarr, Richard Dix, Frank Mayo, Lew Cody and Mae Busch in "Souls for Sale," and "A Tailor Made Man," starring Charles Ray.

We wonder if the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Felix Seroczynski, '93-'99, remembers when he



Msgr. Seroczynski

wrote a story, a very good story, called "Half a Day," for the October, 1898 issue of **The Collegian**. Monsignor Seroczynski is pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Judson, Ind. He consistently made the 95-100 per cent honor roll, according to old issues of **The Collegian**.

Old-timers say that St. Joe had its greatest basketball team during the '23-'24 season. The Cardinal and Purple basketball teams won 13 of their 16 games. They rolled up 542 points to their opponents' 319. They defeated Loyola 36-15. Members of that crack varsity were: Al Hoffman, Herm Klocker, Vince Jordan, Adolph Petit, John Klen, Theodor Liebert, Robert Metz, James Lauer, Captain Herb Weier, John Roach, Jim Hipkind, Lawrence McGuire, and John Byrne.

These were picked up from old issues of **The Collegian**:

"I'll write finis to this chapter," said the T. N. T. under the fraternity house.

"Now, lad ye must remember to take longer steps since ye have your new boots on," said the Highland father to his son.

A scene in the Martin household: "Mother! Come here quick. Clete just ate all the raisins off that sticky brown paper."

Kienly: "So you have to take another examination. Whatsa matter, didn't you pass?"

Gibson: "Say, I passed so well I was encored. Now I hafta do it all over again."

Lauer: "I saw Ben Hur when it cost \$2.50 a seat."

Koch: "How did you sneak in?"

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

With only one game to go, we are definitely at the shank end of football season.

St. Norbert's College, of West DePere, Wisconsin, will play here at 1:45 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 19. This is probably the second toughest team on our schedule. The Green Knights always demand plenty of respect up in their neck o' the woods.

Since last we rounded things up, we lost to University of Louisville 13-0; defeated Central Normal 20-19, and lost to Xavier, of Cincinnati, 6-0.

Along about this time of year when the last autumn leaves fall; when the first snow flurries fly, and when wild geese honk southward, every good Hoosier's thoughts turn to basketball.

Our college and our high school basketball schedules are not complete. However, I'll list the games scheduled so far. The rest will appear in next month's CONTACT. If you notice our team is going to play in your neighborhood, be sure to drop in to see us.

College Schedule

Dec. 2—Illinois Wesleyan	There
(Bloomington, Ill.)	
Dec. 4—Xavier (Cincinnati)	There
Dec. 9—Concordia (Fort Wayne)	Here
Dec. 15—Valparaiso	Here
Dec. 19—Ill. State Normal	There
(Normal, Ill.)	
Dec. 21—Xavier	Here
Jan. 16—Central Normal	There
Jan. 18—Oakland City	Here
Jan. 20—Concordia	There
Jan. 31—Illinois Wesleyan	Here
Feb. 1—Central Normal	Here
Feb. 7—Valparaiso	There
Feb. 8—St. Norbert's	Here
(West DePere, Wis.)	
Feb. 17—Evansville	Here
Feb. 19—Oakland City	There
Feb. 20—Indiana State	There
Feb. 23—Loras	There

(Dubuque, Iowa)

High School Schedule

Dec. 10—St. John's	There
(Delphos, O.)	

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YOUNG ALUMNI FILL NEW POSITIONS



REV. JOSEPH LENK



REV. HERMAN SCHNURR

(Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor)

Two recently ordained Alumni who were popular on the campus in their day are the Rev. Joseph Lenk, '27-'33, and the Rev. Herman Schnurr, '26-'32. Father Lenk is assistant pastor at St. Lawrence Church, Muncie, Ind., and Father Schnurr is instructor at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne.

Death Claims Father Paulinus, Community Artist, at 83

CARTHAGENA, O.—Death came to the Rev. Paulinus Trost, C.P.P.S., on November 3, at St. Charles Seminary.

The 83-year-old artist, who taught at St. Joseph's College during the twilight years of the past century, was the oldest priest in the community after the Rev. Otto Missle's death last spring.

Father Paulinus was born May 12, 1856, in Baden, Germany. He was ordained in 1885.

Hundreds of pictures took form beneath Father Paulinus' brushes. Painting and the repairing of religious statues were his hobbies. One day, while repairing a broken crucifix, the old priest said, "I hope that when I die the Lord will patch up my soul as much as I have patched up His body."

While a young man, Father Paulinus grew a beard as an aid in his fight against throat trouble. Through the years, the beard turned from coal black to snow white. Father Paulinus kept it till his death.

Former Student Teaches and Holds Curate Post in Toledo

The Rev. Arthur Schmit, '26-'28, is teaching at Central Catholic High, Toledo, and is part-time assistant pastor at Good Shepherd Church.

HERE and THERE

Paul Schumacher, '19-'21, is connected with Paul Schumacher and Sons General Contraction Company, Mishawaka, Ind.

Variety is the word that characterizes the life of the Rev. Simon Kuhnmuensch, C.P.P.S., '91-'97, a member of the first class to enroll at St. Joe. He has been a professor, a pastor, and a missionary. He is now senior member of the Society of the Precious Blood's mission band.



Fr. Kuhnmuensch

"Please change my address to 2119 Payne Street, Louisville. After a year with the boys at the Catholic Orphans' Home, Anchorage, Ky., I have been made assistant to the Rev. B. J. Boland at St. Francis of Rome parish," wrote the Rev. Charles Maloney, '26-'32.

Carl Schmelter, '32-'34, took a short dairy course at Purdue in 1937 and is now employed by his father in the Clover Leaf Dairy, Crown Point, Ind.

Chief of United States Army Chaplains is the title held by the Very Rev. Monsignor William Arnold, '96-'02. His appointment was made by President Roosevelt and approved by the Senate in August, 1937. Monsignor Arnold is the first Catholic priest ever to



Msgr. Arnold

hold that high position. In military procedure he ranks as colonel. Even as a student at St. Joe, young Arnold was a member of the Student Military Training Corps. In 1913 he applied for the position of army chaplain, and received his commission. In 1925 he was made director of the U. S. chaplains' school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; in 1931 he was at Fort McKinley, P. I. When he last visited college, in 1934, he was on his way to Hawaii. Monsignor Arnold's business address is War Department, Washington.



Rev. Paulinus Trost

CONTACT CHANGES PRINTERS THIS ISSUE

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The Rev. Eugene Omlor, C.P.P.S., '10-'15, is chaplain and the Rev. Albert Gaulrapp, C.P.P.S., '17-'23, is assistant at the Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse, Milwaukee.

RENSSELAER TO COMPLETE CHURCH SOON

Father Gerhardstein To Replace Brick Building With Stone Structure

When Alumni return to Rensselaer they will soon find a beautiful Tudor-Gothic Church standing in place of St. Augustine's old red brick structure.

The cornerstone was placed recently by the Rev. Christian Daniel, C.P.P.S., '91-'97, first student to register at St. Joe, and former pastor of St. Augustine's. The Rev. Joseph Hennes, '13-'16, of Fort Wayne, was principal speaker.

The Rev. Albert Gerhardstein, C.P.P.S., '05-'11, pastor at Rensselaer, said that the church will be of Lannon stone with Bedford rock trimmings. It will be in the shape of a cross, 138 feet long and 50 feet wide. The right arm will be used as a chapel; the left, the sacristy. There will be a full eleven-foot basement, and several small rooms in addition to a large auditorium. Included in the plans are a kitchen a dining room capable of accommodating from 400-500 persons, rest rooms, and stock rooms.

Four Popular Alumni Die Within Month

Four well-known alumni, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maurice O'Connor, the Rev. Camillus Kloeters, C.P.P.S., Frank J. Diefenbach, and George Meyer, died within the past month.

Monsignor O'Connor, '01-'05, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church, Indianapolis, died November 2. Father Kloeters, '01-'07, pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Riegel, O., died October 27. Mr. Diefenbach, '93-'96, of Chicago, president of the Alumni Association '31-'32, and passenger agent for the Milwaukee Railroad, died of a heart attack October 11 while on vacation in Iowa. His widow survives. Mr. Meyer, '12-'14, Muncie, Ind., clothing salesman, dropped dead November 1. The former World War machine gun instructor is survived by four children.

SIXTY ALUMNI RETURN FOR HOMECOMING GAME

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William Melloh, '38-'39, Indianapolis; Rev. Christian S'aab, C.P.P.S., '11-'17, Fort Wayne; Clarence Sieben, '21-'23, Chicago; Con J. Fecher, '11-'14, Dayton; Richard Scharf, '38, Hammond; Jerome Cook, '28-'31, Fort Wayne; Jack Jones, '00-'03, Gary; Bernard Sutton, '33-'35, Huntington, Ind.; Rev. Ambrose Kohne, '17-'21, Goodland, Ind.; A. P. Mueller, '10-'12, Sandwich, Ill.; Rev. A. A. Hoffman,

ALUMNUS BUILDS NEW CHURCH



(Courtesy Toledo Catholic Chronicle)

Among the Alumni who are building churches is the Rev. H. P. Waechter, '97-'98, pastor of St. Michael's, Toledo. Father Waechter is at the extreme left in the picture. The Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D. D., Bishop of Toledo, is shown placing the cornerstone.

COOK COUNTY ALUMNI ELECT NEW LEADERS

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'93-'96, former member, and to send condolence to his widow. Father Ley, as chaplain, assured members that he would offer a second Mass and also send this spiritual bouquet to Mrs. Diefenbach.

The Rev. John Daleiden, '13-'19, gave a pep talk.

Other alumni present were: Earl Schmidt, '13-'17; Harold Judy, '32-'35; Ed Heinz, '15-'18; John Puetz, '18-'22; William Coddington, '16-'18; Norman Atkinson, '17-'19; F. C. Quirk, '22-'24; Clarence Sieben, '21-'23; Oscar Sieben, '21-'25; Francis Mathew, '21-'26; Dr. W. J. Barth, '09-'13; John R. Gabel, '11-'14; George Grieshaber, '32-'36; E. F. Wuest, '25-'27; Francis Schuman, '26-'29; Bernard Smith, '11-'14.

THE ROUNDUP

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Dec. 11—Decatur (Ind.) Catholic	There
Dec. 15—St. Mary's (Michigan City)	Here
Dec. 16—Cathedral (Indianapolis)	There
Dec. 21—St. Ignatius (Chicago)	Here
Jan. 18—Cath. Central (Hammond)	Here
Jan. 19—Central Cath. (Fort Wayne)	There
Jan. 23—St. Mary's (Michigan City)	There
Jan. 31—Weber High (Chicago)	Here
Feb. 9—South Bend Cent. Cath.	There
Feb. 16—Cath. Cent. (Hammond)	There

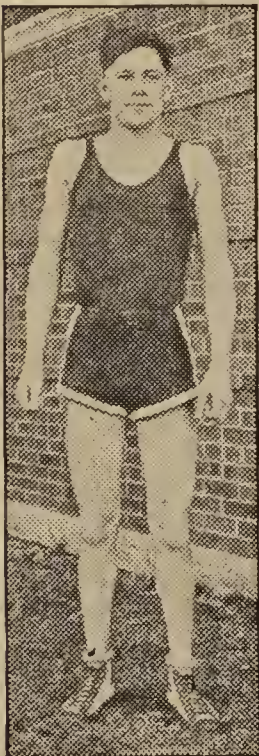
DEATH FAILS TO BREAK PACT MADE BY STUDENTS

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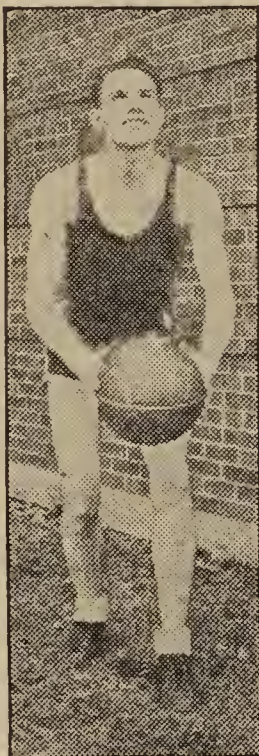
CONTACT will serve a useful and ready purpose. There are undoubtedly many Alumni, like myself, who often wonder what ever happened to either this or that classmate. It will also keep former St. Joe boys aware of the progress and development of the college. Here's hoping that the efforts of those in charge will be rewarded with abundant cooperation so that CONTACT will enjoy the success it so rightfully deserves."

Joseph A. Schilling, '20-'26, of Columbus, Ohio, is a tax examiner on the State Tax Commission.

OLD STARS SHINE IN NEW FIELDS



Henry Barge



Joe Schill



Fred Moore

These pictures appeared in The Collegian more than ten years ago. Henry Barge was named guard and Joe Schill center on St. Joe's All-Star basketball team at the end of the 28-29 season. Fred Moore was voted guard on the All-Star team at the end of the 29-30 season. Father Barge is an assistant pastor in Casper, Wyoming; Father Schill is an assistant pastor in Defiance, Ohio, and Fred Moore is clerk for the Highway Department at Bardstown, Kentucky, and is the father of two boys.

F. Armand Schellinger, '12-'15, is an attorney in South Bend.